

REMARKS**OVERVIEW**

Claims 1-9 and 25-27 are pending in this application. Claims 25-27 are new. The present response is in earnest effort to place application in proper form for immediate allowance.

Reconsideration and passage to issuance is respectfully requested.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The Applicant notes that the Examiner has not checked off certain documents listed in the associated Information Disclosure Statements. The Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner review these documents and provide a mark to indicate that they have been reviewed.

ISSUES UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner has previously rejected claims 1, 2, 4, 7-14, 21-23 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U. S. Patent No. 6,094,197 to Buxton et al. The Applicant has cancelled claims 10-14 and 21-23, thereby mooting those rejections. The Applicant has also amended claim 1. The Applicant notes that in rejecting original claim 1, the Examiner indicated that Buxton discloses a keyboard incapable of user termination. The Applicant submits that Buxton does not disclose the keyboard of the Applicant's invention. However, the Applicant has amended claim 1 to further distinguish from Buxton. In particular, claim 1 now requires the step of "invoking an input area, including a plurality of data input fields and a graphical keyboard incapable of user termination independent of termination of the input area, the graphical keyboard having a plurality of keys on the display." The Applicant respectfully submits that this limitation is simply not disclosed in Buxton. The Examiner previously cited to Figure 18, column 13, lines 49-65 and column 14, lines 13-26, however, this portion of Buxton does not disclose that the keyboard is incapable of user termination "independent of the termination of the

input area" as now required by claim 1. Therefore, the Applicant submits that this rejection to claim 1 should now be withdrawn and the Examiner should find claim 1 allowable.

As claims 2, 4, and 7-9 depend from claim 1, the Applicant submits that the Examiner should now also withdraw these rejections and find these claims allowable as well.

ISSUES UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner has previously rejected claims 3, 5, 6, 15-20 and 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U. S. Patent No. 6,094,197 to Buxton, et al. in view of Freedman (*The Computer Desktop Encyclopedia*). Claims 15-20 and 24 have been cancelled thereby mooted these rejections. Further, claims 3, 5, and 6 depend from now amended claim 1 that contains limitations not disclosed in Buxton. Therefore, the Applicant submits that these rejections should now also be withdrawn and the Examiner should find these claims allowable as well.

NEW CLAIMS

This amendment adds three new independent claims, claims 25-27. Each of these claims is believed to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the Applicant's invention and the Applicant believes the Examiner should find these claims allowable as well.

SUMMARY

Based upon the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are in condition for immediate allowance, as they are patentably distinguishable over the prior art.

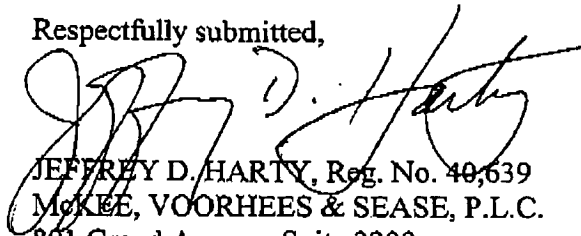
Please charge Deposit Account No. 26-0084 for the one additional independent claim over three for \$42.00 and for a one-month extension of time in the amount of \$55.00. No other fees or extensions of time are believed to be due in connection with this amendment; however,

consider this a request for any extension inadvertently omitted, and charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 26-0084.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

Reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

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**AMENDMENT — VERSION WITH MARKINGS
TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 10-24.

Kindly amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended)

A method of entering data on a touch screen display, the method comprising:
invoking a computer program in which user input is sought;
invoking an input area, including a plurality of data input fields and a graphical keyboard
incapable of user termination and independent of termination of the input area, the
graphical keyboard -having a plurality of keys on the display; and
selecting keys on the keyboard to provide the desired input.

Kindly enter new claims 25-27 as follows:

25. A method of providing a user interface for receiving information from a user using a user
immutable graphical keyboard, comprising:
determining that input from the user using the graphical keyboard is needed;
displaying the graphical keyboard on a touch screen display to receive input from a user, the
graphical keyboard placed in a set position;
persistently maintaining the graphical keyboard on the touch screen display such that the user
cannot move, resize, remove, or close the graphical keyboard through the user interface;
receiving input from the user through the graphical keyboard;

determining that further input from the user is no longer needed; and
removing the graphical keyboard.

26. A method of providing user interface for receiving information to complete one or more data input fields from a user using a graphical keyboard, comprising:
displaying on a touch screen display at least one data input field for receiving character data;
associating the graphical keyboard with the at least one data input field;
displaying the graphical keyboard on the touch screen display such that the user cannot move, resize, remove or close the graphical keyboard through the user interface until the associated data input fields have been completed or display of the data fields has been cancelled.

27. A method of providing a user interface such that a means to input data is available where input data is prompted for, comprising:
associating a graphical keyboard with at least one input data field;
displaying the graphical keyboard and the at least one input data field on a touch screen display;
and
persistently displaying the graphical keyboard such that a user cannot move, resize, remove or close the graphical keyboard independent of the input data fields.